

THE LOCAL OSCILLATOR - March 2003

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COMING EVENTS

Week days 6 m FM net 52.540 6:00AM

Mon R&S Net 449.90 8:30AM

Breakfast

Wal-Mart 10:00AM

Wed Net 146.64 6:45PM

Feb 27 Printed Circuit Design

Club House 6:30PM

Mar 1 Saturday Breakfast

Club House 8:00AM

Program and business meeting 9:30AM

Mar 6 Printed Circuit Design

Club House 6:30PM

Mar 10 2nd Mon Social Meeting

IHOP restaurant 6:00PM

Mar 12 1st Wed after 2nd Mon

Directors at Club House 7:00PM

Mar 15-16 Extra Class class

Club House 8:30AM

Mar 22-23 Extra Class class

Club House 8:30AM

Test 1:30PM

April 27 Bean Feed

Club House

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

AD5LJ

At the January business meeting, the membership voted to move the monthly business meeting to the first Saturday of each month. It will occur immediately following the breakfast. The club voted to try the new schedule for six months. If things don't work out, we will try something different after August. The following schedule will be followed initially. It may need to be adjusted if we are too short of time.

Breakfast ñ 8:00 to 9:00 AM

Short Break ñ 9:00 to 9:30

Program ñ 9:30 to 10:30

Business Meeting ñ 10:30 to 11:30

The first combined breakfast and business meeting will be on 1 March 2003. I hope to see you there.

Our newly elected secretary was forced to resign due to his work schedule. We need a secretary! If you are willing to do this job, even for a few months, please contact me.

Here it is the end of February already! Before we know it, it will be bean feed time again. The board of directors has already started planning for the event. We need some volunteers to help before and during the event. Basically, we are looking for one or two people to help in the kitchen and two people to help sell donated equipment. Also, if you have equipment you would like to donate to the club, please bring it to the clubhouse. Finally, we will need two or three people to help clean up our lot and clubhouse before the event. If you can help in any of these areas, please let me know.

The board meetings have been changed to Wednesday evenings (same week as before) at the clubhouse at 7:00 PM. The change was necessary because of schedule conflicts of some of the board members.

LOCAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

AD5LJ

I received the following list of area events by email and thought that some of you might be interested. I am reproducing them as received. I have not attempted to verify any of them.

Weekday regularly scheduled events

At 6 AM in the Las Cruces area there is a 6 Meter FM net on 52.54 MHz simplex.

At 10 AM there is coffee at Wal-Mart in Las Cruces, NM.

Monday evening is the WTRA round table and Swap net on the 146.88 solar powered repeater (El Paso). Start time is 8 PM and Net Control is Cal, W5CAL. All hams are welcome to check in.

Tuesday evening is the 10-X net on 28.440. Net control is Gus, KK5TU. The start time is 8 PM.

Wednesday evening there will be a net on 146.64 at 6:45 PM sponsored by the Mesilla Valley Radio Club, NM. The PL is 100 Hz

Wednesday evening there will be a net on 146.80 at 7 PM sponsored by the Alamogordo ARC, NM. The PL is 100 Hz.

Wednesday evening several stations in El Paso have an informal round-table on 52.525MHz at 8 PM.

Thursday evening in Deming, NM is the DARC Thursday Evening net on 146.82 MHz. The net starts at 7:30 PM. Listen for Paul (KW7D) as NCS.

Thursday evening is the Multiplex net. Start time is 8PM. The net meets on 444.20MHz, 147.24MHz, 443.4MHz, 146.70MHz in El Paso, 145.23MHz (near Cloudcroft, NM) and the 442.825MHz, 442.95MHz repeaters (El Paso) of the Amigo link. All of these repeaters are now linked together. All licensed amateurs are welcome to check into the net, with or without comments. Guest net control will be Craig, KC7UXM.

Feb 21 - Friday evening is the Program night at the Sun City Amateur Radio Club, K5WPH, 3709 Wickham Ave. Start time is 8 PM.

Feb 22

Saturday the QCWA net on 3.933 MHz will start at 8:30 AM. All hams with the proper license are invited to check in. (QCWA membership optional).

Saturday - Orange ARC Hamfest

Contact: Joan Lexa, WA5LFT

PO Box 232

Orange, TX 77630

Phone: 409-886-1892 (after 5 PM) or Email: WA5LFT@pnx.com

Saturday is the El Paso ARC Hamfest

<http://www.qsl.net/w5es> Click on the W5ES Hamfest

link for more info and directions. Come visit with the

West Texas ARRL Section Manager, John Dyer, AE5B.

Gates open at 7 AM for tailgate set-up.

Saturday at 9 AM, there is a ham breakfast in Ruidoso at La Perico Mexican Restaurant (behind Lawrence Brothers Grocery) in the 700 Block of North Mechem DR. Talk in on 146.920

Saturday is the Mexican Food Supper at the Sun City Amateur Radio Club. No one left hungry last year, this year you too can get your fill starting at 6 PM, 3709 Wickham Ave. Funds raised help pay the light bill.

FEB 23- Sunday

The W5ES clubhouse is on the air giving out El Paso contacts for the Worked All El Paso (WAE) certificate. Look for them on 28.440 MHz at around 9 am local.

Sunday at 7 PM (6 PM Winter) local, is the Lincoln County ARES/RACES local net

Sunday at 7:30 PM Mountain (0830 Central) on 3922 KHz is the Big Bend Emergency Net, open to all hams in Texas and New Mexico.

Sunday Gila ARS, (Silver City, NM) on the 146.98 MHz repeater (103.5pl).
Net Control is Harold, KC5ZDH and the start time is 8 PM.

On the horizon --

15 Mar 2003 - Brenham ARC Hamfest
<http://www.alpha1.net/~barc>
Contact: Dan Lakenmacher, N5UNU
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Brenham, TX 77833
Phone: 979-836-8739 or Email: llakenmacher@yahoo.com

15-16 March - Midland ARC
<http://www.w5qgg.org/hamfest2003.html>
Contact: Joe Coldeway, KK5ZG
Phone: 915-697-7846 or Email: kk5zg@caprok.net

22 Mar 2003 - ARC of Parker County
Contact: James Adams, AD5KG
4500 Old Springtown Road
Weatherford, TX 76085
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3-4 May 2003 - West Texas Section Convention
Key City ARC
Contact: Peggy Richard, KA4UPA
1442 Lakeside Drive
Abilene, TX 79602
Phone: 915-672-8889 or Email: ka4upa@arrl.net

20-22 Jun 2003 - ARRL National Convention Ham-Com
<http://www.hamcom.org>
Contact: Maury Guzick, W5BGP
PO Box 12774
Dallas, TX 75225-0774
Phone: 214-361-7574 or Email: chairman@hamcom.org

19 Jul 2003 - North Texas Hamfest Committee
<http://home1.gte.net/wb5dcu/nortex00.html>
Contact: Gene Hodge, K5DPS
211 North Brinkley
Sherman, TX 75090
Phone: 903-893-6082 or Email: kc5aft@gte.net

1-2 Aug 2003 - West Gulf Division Convention
Austin ARC, Austin Repeater Org., & Texas VHF-FM Society

Contact: Joe Makeever, W5HS
8609 Tallwood Drive
Austin, TX 78759
Phone: 512-345-0800 or Email: w5hs@arrl.net

VISITING AMATEUR
AD5LJ

I have been in contact with a ham back east, Joe Palmer (KS8M), who plans to visit Las Cruces 17 to 24 March. He is looking for a place in the sun to spend future winters and is considering Las Cruces. He would like to chat with local hams while in the area. I have sent him the frequencies of our area repeaters. If you hear him on the air, please say hello.

Also, he works the West coast on 17 meters SSB every day starting at about 11:00 AM our time. He would welcome a call from a local ham.

JANUARY MINUTES
KD5SSJ

The program was presented by Sid Goddard whose father was a radio operator / gunner on a Kingfish airplane during World War II. The plane went down on the Canada's west coast while being ferried to Alaska. The pilot and Sid's father survived the crash. They were picked up from the hillside the next day. The location of the crash became a landmark and thirty some years later became the object of a rescue mission to recover wreckage. The restoration of the plane became a project of the Vaught company, who brought back many of the machinist / craftsmen who originally worked on the production line of this plane. These men, came out of retirement for what became a labor of love, and painstakingly reconstructed the badly damaged plane, restoring it to near original condition. When finished, the plane, her pilot and Sid's father were reunited for a video publicity piece. The short video was played for the club. The plane is now on permanent static display on the Naval ship / museum USS North Carolina.

The budget, exhibit A, and Income Projections, exhibit B, for the year 2003 was proposed by Bob Bennett. Some member conversation followed.

The motion to accept the budget was made by Carl Larsen, was seconded by Elaine Frink, and passed by a voice vote.

Change of time for the Monthly Business Meeting. Bob Bennett presented the data from his survey of the membership to change the meeting time. The responding members were strongly in favor of moving the meeting time and the general consensus was for Saturday morning. Some member conversation followed.

The motion to move the meeting to the first Saturday of each month and to follow the breakfast was made and seconded and passed by voice vote. The first meeting at the new time will be on March 1, 2003.

Bob Bennett read the Treasures Report, prepared by Rodney Davis who was not present.

Bob Yearly told the meeting that he was not able to fulfill the

duties of Secretary, due to work schedule and that moving the meeting to Saturday made his fulfillment of duties more impractical.

Nothing to report by the Vice President, Doug Hicks.

Extra Class classes were moved to March 15-16 and March 22-23. This was done to avoid a conflict with the Bataan March, The club provides communications support for this event. Steve Huran needs some additional instructional help for these classes.

The Bean Feed is scheduled for April 27, 2003. Cash Olsen proposed that a competition be added for side dishes to be served at the Bean Feed. Desert pies and cornbread have been mentioned as possible categories.

It was decided that there would be no Club activities for Field Day this year, individuals may organize their own Field Day activities.

The building still needs a second coat of paint, an appropriate time will be set during the next few months, when the days warm up sufficiently and when the dirt is not blowing.

CW SOFTWARE

K5DI

Anyone wishing to learn the Morse Code and owning a computer with a DOS window can get Morse Academy from my web page and set it up on your own computer. Just follow the instructions and it should be easy. My web page is at:

<http://www.zianet.com/k5di/>

On that page click on CW and that will get you to the software.

BACK PAGE

The newsletter is always looking for articles and notes of interest to the members of the Mesilla Valley Radio Club. Please send them to Alex. F. Burr, K5XY, Editor, MVRC Local Oscillator, 695 Stone Canyon Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Small personal ads from members will also be published. It would be helpful if submissions would be made in a machine readable form. MSDOS disks are welcome. Files can also be sent to the Internet address aburr@aol.com. The club maintains a web site at <http://www.zianet.com/mvrc>.

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JOIN THE CLUB

To join the Mesilla Valley Radio Club, renew your membership, or to support the repeaters, please complete the form below and send it with dues (\$25 single, \$35 family per year) to: Treasurer, MVRC, Box 1443, Las Cruces, NM 88004.

Name:

Address:

Call:

Class of License:

Phone:

E-Mail Address:

ARRL Member? Yes? No?